

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended, and claim 7 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter is added.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Ali in the December 9, 2005 telephone interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Support for Claim Amendments

Support for amendment to claim 1 can be found at least at the canceled subject matter of claim 7. Thus, no new matter is added.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claim 7 includes allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 7. Thus, claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

III. Claim 1 Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to claim 1 for informalities. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the recitation of "A method or organizing information," should be corrected as "A method for organizing information." By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended accordingly. Thus, claim 1 satisfies all formal requirements. Withdrawal of the objection is thus respectfully requested.

IV. The Claims Satisfy The Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 is canceled, and thus the rejection of this claim is now moot.

As agreed upon during the December 9 telephone interview, in view of *Ex parte Lundgren*, claims 1-10 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

V. The Claims Satisfy 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §101. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 is canceled, and thus the rejection of this claim is now moot.

The Office Action asserts that claims 1-10 in view of MPEP 2106 IV.B.2.(b) are not statutory because the process does not "(a) result in a physical transformation outside the computer for which a practical application in the technological arts is either disclosed in the specification or have been known to a skilled artisan, or (b) to be limited to a practical application within the technological arts." These assertions are respectfully traversed.

There is no separate "technological arts" test for determining whether a claimed process amounts to statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101. *Ex parte Lundgren*, (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. October 2005). Thus, as agreed upon during the telephone interview, in view of the recent Patent Board decision, claims 1-10 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

VI. Double Patenting

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-9 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,694,329. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 7, and cancel the feature of "providing agents associated with people..., knowledge sharing and decision making needs of its associated person." Thus, claim 1 of the instant

application differs from claim 1 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,694,329. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

VII. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,905,163 to Garber et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,262,730 to Horvitz et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

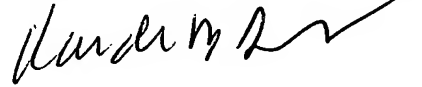
As discussed above, claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 7. Thus, claim 1 and claims 2-6, 9 and 10, which depend from claim 1, are also in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

VIII. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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